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SUBJ: CONSULAR PACKAGE FY 1977

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1. CONGEN APPRECIATES OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAR UP MIS-UNDERSTANDING OCCASIONED BY SUBMISSION OF CONSULAR PACKAGE FY 1977 WITH REFERENCED AIRGRAM OUT OF CONTEXT OF OTHER COMMUNICATIONS ON GENGEN STAFFING. WITH RESPECT TO LOCAL POSITION, CONGEN REQUESTED IN STUTTGART 0427 INCREASE OF ONE FSL TO FOURTEEN TOTAL AND WAS AUTHORIZED BY EMBASSY BONN TO HIRE THIS FSL ON MAY 6. MEANWHILE, ONE PIT FOR PEAK SPRING AND SUMMER PERIOD WAS AUTHORIZED JANUARY 23. THESE AND UTILIZATION CONGEN RECEPTIONIST (ADMINISTRATIVE SLOT) TO RECEIVE AND DIRECT CONSULAR VISITORS FULFILLS REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCALS IN CONSULAR AND FEE OPERATION. HENCE, AS LONG AS POST CONTINUES TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE PIT ASSISTANCE DURING PEAK PERIOD, NO ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME FSL WILL BE REQUIRED FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE. IN VERY TIGHT CONSULAR OPERATION, FSL POSITION AUTHORIZED IN RESPONSE TO STUTTGART 0427 IS BEING USED AS FOLLOWS: CONSULAR FEE FUNCTION, WHICH, FOR SECURITY REASONS AND PROPER FISCAL PROCEDURES, HAS BEEN MOVED FROM UPSTAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE TO CONSULAR SECTION ON THE GROUND FLOOR. ALSO USED TO MEET PASSPORT BACKLOGS IN CARDING, FOLLOW-UPS IN LARGE BIRTH REGISTRATION CASES, ASSIST IN GUIDANCE, UNCLASSIFIED

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TRAINING AND LIAISON WITH U.S. MILITARY PASSPORT AGENTS TO REDUCE RECURRING MISTAKES AT FOURTEEN MILITARY OFFICES.

2. REGARDING NEED FOR ADDITIONAL AMERICAN ASSISTANCE,

INDICATED IN SCHEDULE VI OF CONSULAR PACKAGE, CONGEN CALLS ATTENTION TO 864 HOURS OF DETAILED TIME IN LINES 29, 55, AND 82 OF CONSULAR PACKAGE FY 1977 AND REQUESTS THAT THIS BE CONSIDERED IN THE FOLLOWING CONTEXT:

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE WORKLOAD OF TWO AMERICAN EMPLOYEES IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER POSTS IN FRG AND EUROPE WITH EQUIVALENT CONSULAR ENVIRONMENT (I.E. LARGE COMMUNITY OF U.S. MILITARY AND DEPENDENTS, TOGETHER WITH HEAVY NIV LOAD).

B. APPRECIATION OF FACT THAT, WHEREAS NIV ISSUANCES HAVE MORE THAN DOUBLED SINCE 1968, CONSULAR STAFF WAS SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED IN LATE SIXTIES BEFORE THIS TREND APPARENT. CONGEN PROVIDED OVER 5100 VISA SERVICES IN APRIL AND CURRENT TREND INDICATES WE MAY WELL BE BACK OVER 40,000 PLUS LEVEL IF GERMAN ECONOMIC CLIMATE AND TRANSATLANTIC FARE FAVORABLE.

C. APPRECIATION OF FACT THAT PASSPORT AND BIRTH REGISTRATION TREND HAS SHOWN SIMILAR INCREASE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS AS A RESULT OF STRUCTURE OF U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY (PROFESSIONAL ARMY AND DEPENDENTS TOTALLING APPROXIMATELY 120,000 IN CONSULAR DISTRICT). PRINCIPAL WORKLOAD COMES DURING SAME SPRING-SUMMER PEAK PERIOD AS NIV LOAD, AS RESULT OF MILITARY SUMMER TRANSFER PATTERN FOR CONVENIENCE OF CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.

D. CONSIDERATION OF FACT THAT CONGEN, A COMMERCIAL EMPHASIS POST, HAS A TOTAL OF SIX OFFICERS, INCLUDING CONSUL GENERAL, WHO ARE VERY BUSY WITH TRADE PROMOTION AND OTHER MATTERS WHICH DO NOT PERMIT TRANSFER OF SEASONAL ASSISTANCE TO CONSULAR OPERATION (EXCEPT FOR SUCH EMERGENCIES AS ILLNESS AND NECESSARY LEAVE) DURING PEAK PERIOD.

3. IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, AMERICAN CONSULAR UNCLASSIFIED

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OPERATIONS STAFF IS DEFINITELY INADEQUATE, PARTICULARLY DURING SPRING-SUMMER PERIOD. WHILE CAN CONTINUE UNDER PRESSURE TO TURN OUT NIV, PASSPORT AND OTHER PEAK LOAD SERVICES, A NUMBER OF OTHER VITAL FUNCTIONS NECESSARILY RECEIVE INADEQUATE ATTENTION AND THE AFOREMENTIONED SERVICES TEND TO BECOME PRO FORMA OR BACKLOGGED. AN ADDITIONAL JUNIOR OFFICER GIVING PRIMARY ATTENTION TO NIV MATTERS DURING THE PEAK SEASON WOULD PERMIT SECTION CHIEF AND SECOND OFFICER TO GIVE MORE ADEQUATE ATTENTION TO:

A. MANAGEMENT OF A TIGHT, COMPREHENSIVE, AND SEASONALLY FLUCTUATING CONSULAR OPERATION.

B. GUIDANCE AND TRAINING OF NEW FSLs WHO ARE REPLACING IN INCREASING NUMBERS 20-30 YEAR VETERANS EMPLOYED SHORTLY AFTER WORLD WAR II.

C. TRAINING AND COUNSELING U.S. MILITARY AGENTS FROM FOURTEEN MILITARY COMMUNITIES IN PASSPORT AND BIRTH REGISTRATION MATTERS.

D. MORE ADEQUATE ATTENTION TO THIRTY PLUS AMERICAN PRISONERS IN FOURTEEN PRISONS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

E. MORE THOROUGH PREPROCESSING OF NIV APPLICANTS, BOTH GERMAN AND FOREIGN WORKERS (WHO ARE CURRENTLY BEING CAUGHT UP IN ECONOMIC RECESSION LAY-OFFS), AS REQUIRED BY DEPARTMENT A-2197 AND REFERENCES AS WELL AS NEW PROCEDURES FOR CERTIFYING APPLICABILITY OF SECTION 2123 RE ALL EXCHANGE VISITORS (DEPT A-4771, JUNE 12, 1974).

4. AS FOR ITEM 52 UNDER OTHER AGENCY SERVICES, IT IS INDEED GARBLED THROUGH ERRORS AND OMISSIONS. FOR FY 1974 IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN 15,602, WHILE TWO ACTUAL AND SEVEN ESTIMATES ON THIS ITEM IN REF AIRGRAM SHOULD READ 6940; 8580; 7030; 15,630; 16,330; 17,080; 17,880; 18,930; AND 19,830 RESPECTIVELY. APPRECIATE YOUR NOTING THIS DISCREPANCY. JENKINS

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